

FIBRE FACTORY FOR TUCUMCARI IS ASSURED—CITIZENS FORM A STOCK COMPANY AND GET BUSY

A representative body of citizens met at the Chamber of Commerce room Wednesday night in answer to a call by the secretary. The subject up for consideration was the establishment of a fibre factory in Tucumcari. Previous meeting had been held in regard to the matter and every detail had been thrashed out and the proposition was ready to complete the organization.

The meeting was called to order by the club president, T. A. Muirhead, one of the committee appointed to view the machines and report on the practicability of the same. He together with R. A. Prentice and J. M. Clough visited the shop of Mr. Haas and saw the small model machines in operation. It was the unanimous opinion that it was the unanimous opinion that the machine is practical.

Correspondence had been completed and answers received from numerous cordage companies offering from 4 to 8 cents for the finished fiber.

As previously mentioned in this paper it has been decided to allow Mr. Haas permission to go to Kansas City where he will have machines made to his order, five machines in all, one process machine and four hackles. This is called one unit of machinery, and will be used for experimental purposes. After it has been proven a success more machinery will be purchased and installed, the company incorporating for \$50,000.

It is estimated that this one unit of machinery will turn out 1000 to 1500 pounds of fiber each day, after the operators get familiar with their machines. These machines will use the bear grass in the green state fresh from the fields, but the grass may be used for two or three weeks and then be allowed to dry out.

Mr. Haas, the inventor of the new machines has made a liberal offer to the company in order to get started and obtain the financial backing to put his machines on the market. He will be employed as superintendent and also be given a small per cent of the net proceeds as his royalty.

Mayor Israel, in giving his reasons for buying stock, said: "I know that there is plenty of bear grass in this country and the fiber is a marketable product. I feel safe to put my money in the bear grass industry."

Those present were given an opportunity to subscribe for stock in the temporary company to put up \$2500 for immediate investment in machinery, building, etc. Mr. Israel started the list by subscribing for twenty shares, value of which is \$500 each, fully paid within sixty days. R. P. Donohoo duplicated and Fred C. Sichel followed by purchasing an equal number of shares. Others who purchased stock were H. Bonem, H. Goodman, E. M. Higday, C. B. Hamilton, Charles McCrae, Elmer Edwards, Robt. P. M. McCrae and T. A. Muirhead. Officers then elected from among the stockholders: Jos Israel president; Fred C. Sichel vice president; Royal A. Prentice Secy-Treas.

Five directors were chosen to make contract with Mr. Haas and attend to other business matters. These were H. Bonem, C. B. Hamilton, E. M. Higday, Chas. McCrae and H. Goodman.

After choosing a solicitor, committee composed of Messrs. Higday, Haas and Jennings, to raise the balance immediately in order that the factory may be opened as soon as possible, the meeting was adjourned.

Another meeting will be held next week to complete arrangements for the building of the machines and getting things in readiness for the grand opening which no doubt will mean more to Tucumcari than any other project promoted in this county.

While on their way to Las Vegas last week, five members of the Tucumcari party had a narrow escape from injury when the Ford car in which they were riding plunged into a cattle guard ditch. The machine was going 30 miles an hour, and when it dropped into the four-foot ditch, the passengers got a severe jolt. Another car was sent to the rescue with repairs and it was able to continue the trip to Vegas. Those in the car were Prof. Jackson and Messrs. Cusack, Jacobs, Eifort and Shahan. The accident occurred in the Hicks pasture on the other side of Cuervo.

The New Theater enjoyed the largest patronage of the year Tuesday evening when Charlie Chaplin, Happy Hooligan and Fatty Arbuckle appeared on the screen. The show was opened at four o'clock and ran until close to midnight so that everybody could see these comical pictures and enjoy a good laugh. It was so pleasing that many stayed for two entire shows.

THINGS DID NOT GO THROUGH AS SMOOTHLY AS EXPECTED

Washington, Feb. 27.—The administration awaits congress to give the answer of the United States to the German campaign of ruthlessness which has reached a climax in the sinking of the liner Laconia and the killing of two American women.

Official accounts of the unwarned night attack on the Cunarder, regarded as the first clear-cut case of violation of American rights since the severance of relations with Germany, laid before President Wilson and the cabinet today by Secretary Lansing. It was decided that no step should be taken until congress had time to grant the request for additional authority to protect the lives and rights of Americans.

In Congress little progress was made during the day toward enacting the legislation for which the President asked in his address yesterday. The senate foreign relations committee by a divided report sent out a bill similar to the one introduced in the house, to authorize the president to arm merchantmen and employ "such other instrumentalities" as he may deem necessary. The formality of sending the bill back to the committee was blocked by Senator La Follette and as the senate is working under an agreement to consider nothing except by unanimous consent until the revenue bill has been voted on tomorrow night, further action is delayed until Thursday.

Adjourn Without Voting
On the house side the foreign affairs committee talked through the session over phraseology, those opposing action objecting chiefly to the words "other instrumentalities." The committee finally adjourned until tomorrow without taking a vote.

The administration leaders are not disturbed over the situation in the house, however, as it is well understood that action under a special rule can be forced whenever it is regarded as necessary. Moreover, while there is some real opposition in the committee and among the pacifist group in the house, both Republican and Democratic leaders intimate that it is deemed wise to delay putting through a bill until it is clear what the senate will do so as to prevent confusion.

Even in the senate the administration spokesmen express full confidence that a measure satisfactory to the president will be passed later in the week. Although most of the Republicans favor stronger action than has been proposed, it is believed they will vote for the committee bill when the roll call comes.

Some senators believe that the only source of doubt lies in the attitude of Senator La Follette, whose course today suggested the possibility of a filibuster. With adjournment only a few days off, one senator might easily take the bill to death and force an extra session. The Wisconsin senator has not committed himself further than to say he did not think any action should be taken until the country was given a chance to see the proposed legislation.

After the cabinet meeting it was stated that the president had no present intention of addressing congress again; that he felt that the situation rested with congress. It is rather generally believed, however, that if delay continues until adjournment is at hand he will make another move.

An engagement was made for the president to receive tomorrow two groups of persons opposed to war. One includes Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago, and the other representing the League Against Militarism, is headed by Amos Pinchot, of New York.

The fight in the house committee centered on the objection of some members to conferring the broad authority on the president and upon the efforts of others to have it stipulated that armaments should not be furnished to ships carrying munitions or other contraband.

After the first meeting Chairman Flood conferred with Postmaster General Burleson and learned that the president would object to any material change in the bill as presented. The state department also let it be known that an amendment exempting vessels carrying contraband would be very objectionable, both because it would be unwarrantable discrimination and because it would open the way for endless controversy over what was contraband.

Text of Senate Bill
The text of the bill drafted by the senate foreign relations committee to carry out President Wilson's policy of armed neutrality follows:

"Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United

States of America in congress assembled:

"That the commanders and crews of all merchant vessels of the United States and bearing the registry of the United States are hereby authorized to arm and defend such vessels against unlawful attacks and that the president of the United States is hereby authorized and empowered to supply such vessels with defensive arms, force and aft, also with the necessary ammunition and means of making use of them; and that he be and is hereby authorized and empowered to apply such other instrumentalities and methods as may in his judgment and discretion seem necessary and adequate to protect such vessels and the citizens of the United States in their lawful and peaceful pursuits on the high seas.

\$100,000,000 Provided
"The sum of \$100,000,000 is hereby appropriated to be expended by the president of the United States for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing provisions, the said sum to be obtained in the first day of January, 1918.

"For the purpose of meeting the expenditures herein authorized the secretary of the treasury, under the direction of the president, is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the United States and to issue therefor bonds of the United States not exceeding in the aggregate \$100,000,000."

\$25,000,000 for Insurance
Then followed regulations for the sale of the bonds similar to those in the house bill. The text of the senate bill concludes as follows:
"The president is authorized to transfer so much of the amount hereinafter appropriated as he may deem necessary, not exceeding \$25,000,000, to the bureau of war risk insurance, created by act of congress, approved September 2, 1914, for the purpose of insuring vessels, their freight, passage moneys and cargoes against loss or damage by the present risks of war."

ANOTHER COUNTY

Santa Fe, N. M., March 5.—Republicans again voted solidly for a new Democratic county in the state senate today when the Lea county bill was passed by a vote of 15 to 7. Lea, Calisch and Mersfelder were the only Democrats who voted for it. Skeen, Barth, Smith and Bryant opposed the bill in speeches. Barth declared it was being forced on the Democrats for political purposes. The bill has already passed the house, and now to the governor. The new county is composed of the plains districts of Chaves and Eddy with Lovington as the county seat, despite Skeen's attempt to amend with a referendum on the question of creating the county and choosing the county seat.

To Hold Hangings in Santa Fe
The house passed a bill providing all hangings take place at the penitentiary here.

The republican house majority got busy in a hurry this morning on the job of cleaning up platform pledges, the state budget and Australian ballot bills, the latter drawn by Francis C. Wilson, being passed unanimously without the third reading, the house adopting a motion to make the journal show proper procedure. The Barnes workman's compensation act was also passed by a vote of 25 to 18.

The senate late Saturday, unanimously passed a bill placing the state bank examiner under control and supervision of the corporation commission.

The legislature started on its last lap today. The constitutional limit of 60 days will be reached at noon next Friday, March 9.

VORENBURG BAR ROBBED

OF \$90.00 TUESDAY NIGHT
The Vorenburg Bar was broken into Monday night or early Tuesday morning and a cash box which was hidden under a show case was relieved of its contents, something over \$90.

The entrance was made through a trap door into the basement where the robber used his pocket knife in cutting a hole through the panel in the door large enough to allow his hand and arm to reach through to unfasten the night lock. After removing the money from the hiding place he left through the back entrance, the night clerk at the hotel seeing him just as he cleared the back yard fence. Officers were notified and they were stationed at the depot, but Mr. Robber made his getaway.

The guilty party, or the suspect, had been around town about two weeks and had no doubt made a study of the surroundings as he did not bungle the job in the least. Money was his main object and he secured a neat little sum but his description is known and the officers may grab him at any time.

How Can a Man Be Born When He Is Old?

D. G. Griffin will sing a solo at the evening service at the Christian church when the subject to be discussed is "The Militant Jesus." Come before 7:30. "Being Born Again" is the morning theme—one of vital importance. Attend both services. Bible school at 9:45. Junior at 3:00; C. E. 6:30. You are most cordially invited to all these services.

Norris J. Reasoner, Minister.

TUCUM PLAYED GOOD GAMES BUT LOST 3 GAMES TO LAS VEGAS

The boys' and girls' basketball aggregations from the High school went to Las Vegas last week and played four games in that city, two with the High school and two with the Normal boys and girls. Both teams lost to Vegas Friday night by a small margin, the boys 33 to 22, the girls 19 to 16. The Las Vegas Optic has the following to say about the games Saturday night:

Tucumcari broke even here Saturday night, the girls winning over the Normal girls and the boys losing to the High School. The girls' score was 18 to 24, and the boys' 26 to 42. The Normal girls played an excellent game, and while they were defeated, it was not because the Tucumcari girls had anything on them. At the end of the first half the Normals were in the lead, and during the first part of the second they held their own. But for two or three minutes the teachers slackened perceptibly and ceased to play with the aggressiveness that marked the first part of the game. Although their defense could have stopped Tucumcari Saturday night.

Campbell and Tarpley, Tucumcari forwards, threw goals from every angle, and it was the consistent guarding of Guards Parnell and Blattman that kept the score down as low as it was. Friday night against the High School, Tarpley was Tucumcari's star, throwing more field goals than her partner, Campbell. But Saturday night, Captain Campbell threw six field goals and Tarpley threw five and two fouls.

Every player on both teams was in the game all the time Saturday night, and the game was said by many to be the fastest girls' game played this season. Lena Lanston and Mamie Smith, Vegas forwards, passed the ball from one to the other with great accuracy, and the centers, Ida Harper and Harriet Tooker, were always where the ball was. Nellie Parnell and Emily Blattman, as guards, did some fancy work and kept the ball out of Tucumcari's basket when anyone else would have given up. For Tucumcari, Steckman and Emler as centers, and DeOliviera and Gentry as guards, showed classy playing.

The defeat of the Normal by Tucumcari Saturday night did not mean in any sense that the Normal girls are not ball tossers, for had they played in any other manner, Tucumcari would have piled up a disgraceful score against them. It was a defeat, but not bitter, because, until the blowing of the last whistle, no one knew to which side the game belonged. Miss Wilhemy and Coach Wesson, of Tucumcari alternated as referee and umpire.

In the boys' game, the High schoolers started off slow, playing defensive entirely, but within a few minutes, after Tucumcari had made the first score on a foul, the locals gathered themselves together and played as they never did before. At the end of the first half Tucumcari had scored but nine points, against the High school's 24. In the second half the High school made 18 points and Tucumcari scored 17. Caprance and George Hite, the High school forwards, played together with their usual brilliancy, and to them went most of the honor for making baskets, but Billy Hayden at center and Neufus and Palmer as guards, deserve credit for brilliant playing. The team work of the High school was a big factor in winning the game. It was seldom that the High school did not get the ball from the center, as a result of their signals. Tucumcari, however, succeeded in breaking up the plays of the High school to a great extent, and their inaccuracy in throwing baskets from the field kept their score down. However, there was not a moment during which the game did not belong to the Vegas team.

R. C. Bonney, the High school coach and manager, put out a team this year that has won every game on the home floor, and that has lost only by small margins, when it has lost away from home.

Captain Fausnacht and Shaff, Tucumcari forwards, are players who will be remembered as out of the ordinary. Fausnacht's accuracy in throwing fouls caused much favorable comment here. Cusack, the Tucumcari center, played a better game Saturday night than he did Friday. He made several grand stand throws for the basket, and while not all of them were successful, they were near enough to make Vegas rooters hold their breaths. Jacobs, a big, heavy-set fellow, played guard against Clarence Hite, but his extra weight could not keep Vegas' star away from the ball nor the ball away from the home basket. Wayne as Jacobs' partner, guarded well, and he played an excellent game. His and Jacobs' teamwork was the best shown by Tucum-

TUCUMCARI'S CHAUTAUQUA

The "Pinafore" company will be on the Chautauqua program in Tucumcari. The pronounced success of "The Melting Pot" last year encourage Chas. F. Horner to even greater effort this year and as a result this wonderful company has been secured with the same people who made such a tremendous success in New York, including Marie Horgan, the greatest "Little Buttercup" of the generation. "Little Buttercup" is correct! She weighs only 227 pounds and looks every ounce of it.

The immensity of the production of "Pinafore" is indicated by the fact that for weeks past the biggest manufacturing concern of its kind in the world has been engaged in making the mammoth Chautauqua tents, planned especially to order for the purpose of properly accommodating this great production. The great opera is to be given on a scale never before attempted on a chautauqua platform and the new and larger tents became necessary in order to make room for the elaborate scenery employed and to provide suitable dressing rooms.

"Why, of course, I'll have to have a private dressing room and hot and cold running water, and everything else just as I am accustomed to," declared "Little" Marie Horgan when she signed the contract to appear on Chautauqua programs for the first time in her long and successful career. ("You know she started when she was but 13 years old so she will probably not object to the description, 'long career.'") Of course all her desires could not be met by the Chautauqua management but enough of them were provided to induce her to sign the contract.

It did mean the complete rearrangement of the tents and dressing rooms, however, and the placing of the big special order which is keeping the larger part of the force of the world's largest tent manufacturing concern busy nearly all the season. The tent this season is to be a beautiful one. "Patriotism" is to be the watchword and the inspiration of the Chautauqua this year and American flags will form a prominent part of the decorative scheme and besides those to be placed on the big poles, others are sewed on the tent, around the platform. The tent itself will, most appropriately, be of khaki color. On the fence which will be of white, will be "Horner Chautauquas" in large red letters.

"Other just as big and pleasant surprises as the announcement of the coming of 'Pinafore' will be made soon, for Mr. Horner is busy completing the details of what promises to be a program of unusual merit, bringing to Tucumcari the best in music, the choicest of entertainment, the selected drama, and the men who are acknowledged to be the greatest orators of the day. Patriotism will play a prominent part in the program, while happiness and community development and betterment will also be strongly featured.

JORDAN ITEMS

This part of the country received a good snow last Friday night which will be of great help to the wheat.

J. G. Wattenbarger and Henry Dobbs have returned from a trip west of here. They were near Mountainair looking for a location for a ranch, but they decided that this part of the world was the best for them, and they will continue to live at the same old place.

J. O. Jordan and Dr. Boone made a trip to town Monday. W. C. Montgomery, D. M. Davis, C. H. Wyatt, K. E. Drake, S. A. Wells, W. H. Surratt, J. H. Savage, Ernest Hall and Mr. Bryant all made a trip to Texico Friday and returned Saturday to inspect the new rubber plant, known as the Western Tire Mfg. Company.

This company claims they will be making real tires by April 1, and it does look like they mean business, as their building is constructed of brick and is 250 feet long by 60 feet wide, with two additional rooms 40x60 feet. J. H. Baker has returned from Bowie Texas where he has been at work for the last three months. His sister accompanied him out to spend the summer with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dobbs made a trip to Tucumcari this week to buy new furniture, with which to go to housekeeping.

Miss Maggie Hardin has closed her school at Ford, and is at home again. Several of the young people from here attended singing at Browning last Sunday night.

J. D. Akins is drilling another well over west of Jordan.

Several of the men from Jordan attended the public sale at C. C. Hudson's place last week.

Ernest E. Hall is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Greer spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Hardin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pollard, of Marion, Iowa, left Tucumcari Wednesday morning for home, after a month's visit with their son and family, W. E. Pollard of Norton, and other relatives and friends. W. E. Pollard had a horse fall with him some time ago, breaking his collar bone and fracturing his left elbow, which will take some time yet to heal.—San Jon Sentinel.

12 SENATORS FILIBUSTER THEMSELVES TO CONTEMPT OF NATION

Washington, D. C., March 6.—President Wilson, it was stated authoritatively today, will do everything possible to find a way to arm American ships and protect them in our ways from submarine danger, in spite of the bill of the senate to pass the bill giving him specific power.

A final decision on whether the president can legally arm the ships without specific authorization is expected shortly. The opinion expressed during the senate debate of the bill that without action by congress the president has no right to arm American merchantmen, was taken into careful consideration, however, and the president will not act until he is certain.

In deciding on the legal status of the question, it was learned the president and his advisers are considering the intent of the old statute passed in 1819, which was cited in the senate as prohibiting the arming of merchantmen for action against armed public vessels of nations in amity with the United States.

An extra session of congress before July 1 to pass appropriations for no other purpose, seemed today to be certain. If the senate amends its rules so prompt action can be taken on an armed neutrality bill, an extra session of congress may be expected within the next two or three weeks.

Messages, apparently spontaneous, which came to government officials today from all parts of the country, criticised in bitter terms the senators who prevented action on the armed neutrality bill.

Legal limits of president Wilson's authority to arm merchant ships were under consideration today by attorney general Gregory and secretary of state Lansing, and a decision was expected before the cabinet meets this afternoon.

Other suggested alternatives are to convoy merchant ships, or to have the federal shipping board take over privately owned vessels and arm them as naval auxiliaries.

Senators Vardaman, Democrat of Mississippi, and Kenyon, Republican of Iowa, two of the 12 senators who did not sign the senate manifesto in favor of the armed neutrality bill and who were included in the group referred to by President Wilson as "a little group of wilful men," who had rendered the country "helpless and contemptible" before the world, explained to the senate today that they had not been in complicity to prevent a vote on the bill.

Senator Williams, replying to his colleague, declared emphatically that president Wilson was right in his criticism of a few senators who made legislation by an overwhelming majority impossible in the nation's crisis and that whatever might have been their motive they, and not congress, were responsible for the United States being "helpless and contemptible" before the world.

SERVES SIX O'CLOCK DINNER

One of the most pleasing social events during the past week occurred Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. H. Domkiewicz, when the hostess entertained a number of Woodman Circle ladies at a six o'clock dinner. It was a sumptuous repast, consisting of chicken with dressing, vegetables, and many dainty dishes; also cocoa, coffee and cake.

Those who were invited were the members who contributed to the Woodman Circle market conducted at the Domkiewicz tailor shop Saturday, Mar. 3, when the lodge received more than \$17.00 for the day's contribution.

Those present were Mesdames R. E. Russell, J. W. Russell, Jno. W. Grayson, C. E. Johnson, J. M. Ramsdale, J. Allen, Casper Allen, M. E. Parrish, William Nicol, Frank Somer, J. H. Steadman, Chas. Lackland, C. E. Cusack, Ira E. Furr, H. Domkiewicz, Vernon Shifflette, Misses Katherine Somer, Francis and Fay Allen.

FEDERATION ELECTS OFFICERS

The Tucumcari Federation of Clubs held its annual meeting on March 6, when the officers for the past year were re-elected. A report was read of the good work done by the State Federation and the Santa Fe clubs in securing better films for New Mexico, in the moving picture theatres.

It was voted to co-operate in every way with Mayor Israel and the council, in their plans for a clean Tucumcari. And formal protest was made against licensing any house of prostitution in or near our city.

Mrs. R. P. Donohoo, President.

Probably no other field crop requires lime to such an extent as does alfalfa, and with the exception of rather limited limestone areas, practically all of the soils of the United States east of the ninety-fifth meridian require liming for the best development of this crop.